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In letter to Hearst and Time Warner Cable, cites concerns about residents' ability to receive New Hampshire news and weather

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WASHINGTON – In a letter today, Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) urged Hearst Television and Time Warner Cable to find a swift resolution to their retransmission consent impasse so that the tens of thousands of subscribers from Cheshire County to the Lakes Region and the North Country are no longer left without access to New Hampshire's only statewide television station.

Bass, a member of the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, said:

"For the last week, tens of thousands of Granite State Time Warner Cable subscribers have not had access to New Hampshire's only statewide television station and New Hampshire-specific news, sports, and weather. I hope Time Warner Cable and Hearst Television can come to an agreement as soon as possible so WMUR is no longer blacked out for many residents."

Bass' [letter](#) to Hearst Television and Time Warner Cable follows:

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Dear Mr. Barrett and Mr. Britt:

I have been contacted by many Time Warner Cable (TWC) subscribers in New Hampshire who, due to the retransmission consent impasse between Hearst Television and TWC that began on July 10, 2012, are unable to view WMUR. During this now week-long impasse, tens of thousands of my constituents have been unable to access local news and weather programming that is specific to New Hampshire, and not a neighboring state.

While this is not the first time that retransmission consent talks have broken down and channels have gone dark, and not even the first time New Hampshire residents have been affected by such an impasse this year, I am concerned that my constituents are unfairly caught in the middle of your negotiation, either as collateral damage or intentionally used for leverage.

Without interfering with or opining on the merits of your negotiation, I urge you to resolve this dispute to the benefit of viewers in New Hampshire as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Bass
Member of Congress

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